

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA**

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BACKWARD REGION GRANT FUND SCHEME
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is ensuring that additional assistance was given to Andhra Pradesh for all-round development of tribal and backward areas under the special category for implementing Backward Region Grant Fund Scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last 3 years?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ(SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): 13 districts of Andhra Pradesh are included in the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme. 10 of these districts were also covered under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana, which has now been subsumed into the BRGF Programme. Rs. 322.50 crore has been released to Andhra Pradesh under RSVY from 2003-04 till 29-2-08. Rs. 301.88 crore has been released to all 13 districts as development grant under BRGF during 2007-08. Rs. 13 crore each has been released to the State in 2006-07 and 2007-08 respectively for the capacity building of elected representatives and officials of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). Details of releases made to Andhra Pradesh are annexed.